

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC

ORDER NO. 3591

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served December 17, 1990

Application of CAPITOL ENTERTAIN-)
MENT SERVICES, INC., for Temporary)
Authority -- Charter and Special)
Operations)

Case No. AP-90-53

By application filed November 19, 1990, and supplemented from time to time thereafter, Capitol Entertainment Services, Inc. (CES or applicant), seeks temporary authority to transport passengers and their baggage in charter and special operations between points in the Metropolitan District, restricted against transportation solely within the Commonwealth of Virginia. */

Applicant would conduct the proposed operations using two 1988 vehicles, each seating 31 passengers. The proposed tariff shows charter rates of \$40 an hour, with a four-hour minimum. For charter trips over four hours duration, an additional deadhead charge of \$40 would be assessed. A charter transfer rate of \$100 is also proposed. As for special operations, CES's proposed tariff lists two individual-fare tours: (1) national monument and memorial tour and (2) black history tour. Each tour lasts four hours and costs \$18 per person.

With its application, CES filed a balance sheet as of August 31, 1990, showing current assets of \$68,281 and net fixed assets of \$7,542. Current liabilities are listed as \$8,565, long-term liabilities are \$5,155, and equity is \$62,103. CES's operating statement for the twelve months ended August 31, 1990, shows operating income of \$149,017, operating expenses of \$93,439, and net operating income of \$55,578. Applicant projects that twelve months of the proposed operations would generate an additional \$409,200 in operating income plus \$5,000 from interest income. Operating expenses are projected at \$287,410 plus interest and depreciation expenses totaling \$12,561. CES projects net income from the proposed operations of \$101,479, after provision for income taxes.

The application, as supplemented, presents notarized letters of support from:

* Mr. Neil J. Amrine, Vice President, Guide Service of
Washington, Inc.;

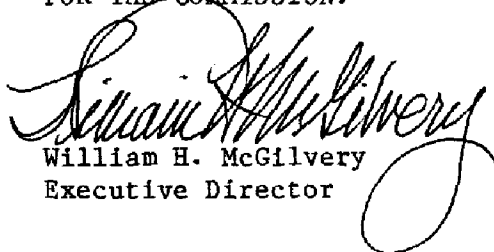
*/ See Compact, Title II, Article XII, Section 1(b).

- * Mr. Pedro Alfonso, President, District of Columbia Chamber of Commerce;
- * Mr. John M. Dixon, General Manager, J.W. Marriott Hotel;
- * Mr. Eddie L. Isom, General Manager, The Howard Inn;
- * Ms. Paulette Nowden, Administrator for Student Services, The Catholic University of America;
- * Ms. Patricia Y. Harahan, Operations Manager, USA Hosts; and
- * Mr. William H. L. Brown, Vice President, Service to Locals, District of Columbia Congress of Parents and Teachers.

The standards for temporary authority are set forth in the Compact, Title II, Article XII, Section 4(d)(3). The essential elements are (1) an immediate and urgent need for service, (2) no other carrier capable of meeting such need, and (3) fitness of the applicant. This order will provide notice of CES's application, and a brief period will be established for the filing of protests if any. Each protest should contain all evidence and argument upon which protestant would rely. No extension of time will be granted. The application is available for inspection at the office of the Commission during regular business hours.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that any person desiring to protest this application shall file a notarized protest in conformance with Commission Rule No. 14 at the office of the Commission, 1828 L Street, N.W., Suite 703, Washington, DC 20036-5104, no later than Wednesday, January 2, 1991, and simultaneously shall serve a copy of such protest on applicant's president, Mr. John Shelton Best, P.O. Box 2803, Washington, DC 20013.

FOR THE COMMISSION:


 William H. McGilvery
 Executive Director